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The proposed settlement is a bad idea. The main point of the trial was to restore competition. While that has somewhat taken care of itself, in my opinion, the only way to totally restore the competition would be to take away Microsoft's ability to restrict dual-booting of operating systems installed on OEM machines. Plus, makeing sure that the entire API is open. The sentence in the settlement that gives an exception to opening up API calls in the case of security leaves the whole thing toothless. Security experts have shown that an operating system would be more secure if it was open and reviewed for security breaches anyway.

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